

**SPS/TBT Notifications Affecting Agricultural Trade**

Listed below are proposed changes in international agricultural, food and related standards as notified via the World Trade Organization; The first table provides a summary of all notifications; Individual details follow separately. Interested parties may obtain a full text of any notification for review and COMMENT; simply check the "Request a Copy" check box next to the Notification and return by fax (202) 690-0677 to the attention of Deborah A. Thompson, Food Safety Technical Services Division in USDA/FAS.

Please provide us with your E-mail address {on the request form}. For questions regarding policy matters, call Carolyn Fillmore Wilson (202) 720-2239, otherwise Ms. Thompson at (202) 720-9124 for address/telephone changes.

NOTE - Please include your name/fax number on all request forms.

Type	WTO Number	Product	Country	FSTSD #	Request a Copy
SPS	USA/246/A1	Organophosphate Pesticide: Pirimiphos-Methyl	United States of America	00.0073.A1	<input type="checkbox"/>
SPS	USA/502/A1	Organophosphate Pesticides: Azinphos-Methyl and Phosmet	United States of America	01.0502.A1	<input type="checkbox"/>
SPS	NZL/158/R1	Cut Flowers and Branches of Cordyline and Dracaena Plants	New Zealand	01.0566.R1	<input type="checkbox"/>
SPS	NZL/159/R1	Flowers and Branches Phytosanitary Requirements	New Zealand	01.0567.R1	<input type="checkbox"/>
SPS	BRA/58	Import of Wine and Beverages	Brazil	01.0592	<input type="checkbox"/>
SPS	PER/37	BSE Related Ban-Europe & Japan	Peru	01.0593	<input type="checkbox"/>
SPS	BRA/59	Packed Food Products for Human Consumption-GMO	Brazil	01.0594	<input type="checkbox"/>
TBT	BRA/27	Packed Food Products for Human Consumption-GMO	Brazil	01.0109	<input type="checkbox"/>
TBT	THA/61	Royal Jelly and Royal Jelly Products	Thailand	01.0110	<input type="checkbox"/>
TBT	THA/62	Garlic Products	Thailand	01.0111	<input type="checkbox"/>
TBT	THA/63	Meat and Meat Products-Labeling & GMP	Thailand	01.0112	<input type="checkbox"/>
TBT	THA/64	Preservatives & Packing	Thailand	01.0113	<input type="checkbox"/>
TBT	THA/65	Labeling of Food Containing Aloe	Thailand	01.0114	<input type="checkbox"/>

**FSTSD #** - 00.0073.A1 **Country** - United States of A **Product** - Organophosphate Pesticide: Pirimiphos-M  
**Comment Deadline Date** - **Enforcement Date** - **WTO Type/Number** - SPS USA/246/A  
**Objective** - Food Safety

**Description** - ADDENDUM reads: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) published notice in the March 29, 2000, Federal Register on an earlier risk assessment on this pesticide. That document was notified as G/SPS/N/USA/246. This notice announces the availability of the interim risk management decision document for the organophosphate pesticide, pirimiphos-methyl. This decision document has been developed as part of the public participation process that EPA and the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) are now using for involving the public in the reassessment of pesticide tolerances under the Food Quality Protection Act (FQPA), and the reregistration of individual organophosphate pesticides under the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA).

The interim risk management decision document and the two page Federal Register notice are available from the address below.

**FSTSD #** - 00.0073.A1 **Country** - United States of A **Product** - Organophosphate Pesticide: Pirimiphos-M  
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**FSTSD #** - 01.0502.A1 **Country** - United States of A **Product** - Organophosphate Pesticides: Azinphos-Me  
**Comment Deadline Date** - **Enforcement Date** - **WTO Type/Number** - SPS USA/502/A

**Objective** -

**Description** - ADDENDUM reads: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) published notice in the September 13, 2001, Federal Register of earlier documents on these pesticides. Those documents were notified as G/SPS/N/USA/502. This notice announces the availability of the interim risk management decision documents for azinphos-methyl and phosmet. In addition, this notice starts a 60-day public participation period during which the public is encouraged to submit comments on the azinphos-methyl and phosmet interim risk management decision documents. These decision documents have been developed as part of the public participation process that EPA and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) are now using for involving the public in the reassessment of pesticide tolerances under the Food Quality Protection Act (FQPA), and the reregistration of individual organophosphate pesticides under the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA).

Comments for azinphos-methyl and for phosmet must be received by EPA on or before January 28, 2002.

The interim risk management decision documents and the three page Federal Register notice, including instructions for commenting, are available from the address below.

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**FSTSD #** - 01.0566.R1 **Country** - New Zealand **Product** - Cut Flowers and Branches of Cordyline an  
**Comment Deadline Date** - 1/18/02 **Enforcement Date** - 01/25/02 **WTO Type/Number** - SPS NZL/158/R

**Objective** - Plant Protection

**Description** - The import risk analysis of Cordyline and Dracaena cut flowers and branches for the development of a generic import health standard encompasses the pest list, pest categorisation, risk assessment and risk mitigation steps of a risk analysis required for the development of phytosanitary measures for the import into New Zealand of cut flowers and branches of Cordyline and Dracaena.

REVISION: Text available from:

Mr Keawe Woodmore

**FSTSD #** - 01.0566.R1    **Country** - New Zealand    **Product** - Cut Flowers and Branches of Cordyline an  
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**FSTSD #** - 01.0567.R1    **Country** - New Zealand    **Product** - Flowers and Branches Phytosanitary Requi  
**Comment Deadline Date** - 1/18/02    **Enforcement Date** - 01/25/02    **WTO Type/Number** - SPS NZL/159/R  
**Objective** - Plant Protection

**Description** - The draft import health standard for cut flowers and branches of Cordyline and Dracaena from all countries describes the phytosanitary requirements for importing these commodities into New Zealand from any country in the world.

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**FSTSD #** - 01.0592    **Country** - Brazil    **Product** - Import of Wine and Beverages  
**Comment Deadline Date** - 12/12/01    **Enforcement Date** -    **WTO Type/Number** - SPS BRA/58  
**Objective** - Food Safety

**Description** - The new ruling instructs the registration of foreign bottlers of wines and beverages derived from wine, establishes an on-site inspection and specifies labeling requirements for these products, modifying the previous regulation, which allowed the import of wines and beverages derived from wines and grape without registration in Brazil. For the control of origin (region and country) of these products, the bottlers will have to be registered at the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Supply in Brazil. It updates a previous ruling from 15 January 1997, Portaria nº 30, published on 16 January 1997. The new labeling rules are the same as required from domestic producers, as foreseen in Decreto nº 99.066, 3 March 1990, published on 9 March 1990.

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**FSTSD #** - 01.0593    **Country** - Peru    **Product** - BSE Related Ban-Europe & Japan  
**Comment Deadline Date** -    **Enforcement Date** - 10/27/01    **WTO Type/Number** - SPS PER/37  
**Objective** - Food Safety, Animal Health, Protect Humans from Animal/Plant Pest or Disease

**Description** - Import ban on live bovine animals, products and by-products of bovine, sheep or goat origin (including brains, spinal cords, thymus glands, spleens, tonsils, intestines, nerve tissue and lymphatic tissue) and on concentrated foods, including meat and bone-meal containing mammal proteins for animal feed.

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**FSTSD #** - 01.0594    **Country** - Brazil    **Product** - Packed Food Products for Human Consum  
**Comment Deadline Date** - 12/15/01    **Enforcement Date** - 12/31/01    **WTO Type/Number** - SPS BRA/59  
**Objective** - Food Safety

**Description** - Defines the composition specification, acceptable ingredients limits, conditions for approval and registration of genetically modified food products.

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**FSTSD #** -01.0109      **Country** - Brazil      **Product** - Packed Food Products for Human Consum  
**Comment Deadline Date** - 12/15/01      **Enforcement Date** - 12/31/01      **WTO Type/Number** - TBT BRA/27  
**Objective** - Environment, health, consumer protection  
**Description** - Defines the composition specification, acceptable ingredients limits, labelling specifications and conditions for approval and registration of genetically modified food products.

NOTE: This notification is the same as N/BRA/59 notified in this newsletter.

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**FSTSD #** -01.0110      **Country** - Thailand      **Product** - Royal Jelly and Royal Jelly Products  
**Comment Deadline Date** -      **Enforcement Date** - 10/10/01      **WTO Type/Number** - TBT THA/61  
**Objective** - Consumer Protection  
**Description** - Clause 2 of the Notification of the Ministry of Public Health (No.212) B.E.2543(2000) Royal Jelly and Royal Jelly Products dated 19 September B.E.2543(2000) is withdrawn and replaced by the following statement:  
"Clause 2 Royal jelly and royal jelly products are food subject to prescribed quality or standard and label shall be approved prior to use."

NOTE: This notification is the same as SPS/N/THA/74 notified in newsletter #47.

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**FSTSD #** -01.0111      **Country** - Thailand      **Product** - Garlic Products  
**Comment Deadline Date** -      **Enforcement Date** - 10/10/01      **WTO Type/Number** - TBT THA/62  
**Objective** -  
**Description** - The Notification of the Ministry of Public Health (No. 105) B.E. 2530(1987) Labelling for Garlic Products dated 4 June B.E.2530(1987) is withdrawn. Good Manufacturing Practice shall be applied for production. In addition, this notification prescribes as follows:  
(1)Classification  
Garlic products mean products made from processed garlic or garlic in liquid or dry form, whether or not mixed with other materials and packed in capsules or compressed as tablets.  
(2)Garlic products are food subject to labelling. The label shall be approved before use and shall also be in accordance with the ministerial notification regarding labelling.

(3)The label of garlic products shall contain information on the name of food; food serial number; name and address of manufacturer, repacker or importer, as the case may be;  
net content in metric system; number of capsules or tablets per packaging unit; active ingredients per unit; the statements "preservative used" (if any), "natural colour added" or "synthetic colour added" (if any, as the case may be), "natural flavouring agent added" or "nature identical flavouring agent added" or "artificial flavouring agent added" (if any, as the case may be); month and year of manufacture, expiry date or month and year within which the food remains in good quality; instructions for use; instructions for maintenance (if any); and any other statements required by the FDA.

Licences for food labelling issued prior to the enforcement of this ministerial notification will still be valid for not more than 2 years.

Producers or importers who received licences prior to the enforcement of this ministerial notification must apply for food serial number within one year after this ministerial notification comes into force. Upon submitting the application, the former labels can still be valid for not more than 2 years.

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**FSTSD #** -01.0112      **Country** - Thailand      **Product** - Meat and Meat Products-Labeling & GMP  
**Comment Deadline Date** -      **Enforcement Date** - 10/10/01      **WTO Type/Number** - TBT THA/63

**FSTSD # -01.0112**      **Country - Thailand**

**Product - Meat and Meat Products-Labeling & GMP**

**Objective -** Consumer protection

**Description -** The Notification of the Ministry of Public Health (No.110) B.E.2531(1988) Re : Labelling for Meat Products dated 22 January B.E.2531(1988) is withdrawn. Good Manufacturing Practice shall be applied for production. In addition, this ministerial notification prescribes the following items:

(1)Classification

Meat products mean meat balls, sausage, fermented pork, minced pork, Chinese sausage and the like products packed in containers ready for sale.

(2)Labelling of meat products shall be in accordance with the ministerial notification regarding labelling, except for Clause 3 of the Notification of Ministry of Health Health (No.194).

(3)The label of meat products sold to consumers shall contain information, in Thai language but may be accompanied by foreign languages, on the name of food; food serial number; name and address of manufacturer, repacker or importer, as the case may be; net content in metric system; the statement "preservative used" (if any); date, month, year of manufacture, expiry date or date, month and year within which the food remains in good quality.

Licences for food labelling issued prior to the enforcement of this ministerial notification will still be valid for not more than 2 years.

Producers or importers who received licences prior to the enforcement of this ministerial notification must apply for food serial number within one year after this ministerial notification comes into force. Upon submitting the application, the former labels can still be valid for not more than 2 years.

NOTE: This notification is the same as SPS/N/THA/76 in newsletter #47.

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**FSTSD # -01.0113**      **Country - Thailand**

**Product -Preservatives & Packing**

**Comment Deadline Date -**

**Enforcement Date - 10/10/01**

**WTO Type/Number - TBT THA/64**

**Objective -** Consumer protection

**Description -** The Notification of the Ministry of Public Health (No. 159) B.E.2537(1994) Re : Food Containing Substances Used to Preserve Quality or Standard in Containers Thereof dated 20 October B.E.2537(1994) is withdrawn. Food containing substances used to preserve food quality or standard which are packed in separate containers but are included in the food containers which is sold directly to the consumers shall conform to the Notification of Ministry of Public Health regarding Labelling and the notifications especially issued for such food. In addition the label shall contain the statement in Thai language "Containing ..." (space provided for filling the description of packing and types of substances used to preserve food quality or standard, e.g. anti-moisture bags, etc.) in red letters of a size not smaller than 3 mm on white background.

Licences for food labelling issued prior to the enforcement of this ministerial notification will still be valid for not more than 2 years.

Producers or importers who received licences prior to the enforcement of this ministerial notification must apply for food serial number within one year after this ministerial notification comes into force. Upon submitting the application, the former labels can still be valid for not more than 2 years.

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**FSTSD # -01.0114**      **Country - Thailand**

**Product -Labeling of Food Containing Aloe**

**Comment Deadline Date -**

**Enforcement Date - 10/17/01**

**WTO Type/Number - TBT THA/65**

**Objective -** Consumer protection

**Description -** The Notification of the Ministry of Public Health (No.160) B.E.2538(1995) Re: Display of Label of Food Containing Aloe dated 17 February B.E.2538(1995) is withdrawn. This

ministerial notification prescribes that in relation to labelling, food containing aloe shall conform to the Notification of the Ministry of Public Health regarding Labelling and the notifications especially issued for such food. The label of food containing aloe shall contain additional following statements:

“Should not be taken by children”, “Not medical food” and “Stop consumption when there appears abnormal symptoms”, in red letters of a size not smaller than 2 mm which must be clearly visible in a rectangular frame and the colour of the frame shall be in contrast with that of the label background.

Licences for food labelling issued prior to the enforcement of this ministerial notification will still be valid for not more than 2 years.

Producers or importers who received licences prior to the enforcement of this ministerial notification must apply for food serial number within one year after this ministerial notification comes into force. Upon submitting the application, the former labels can still be valid for not more than 2 years.

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